



Tempe Public Art



Andy Brown

Faces and Places, 2014

Acrylic Paint

Location: 5th Street
at College Avenue

Artist website:

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Photo: Matt Winquist

Description: The variety of walks of life witnessed in Tempe was the artist's inspiration for the Mill Avenue District Utility Box project. Painting freestyle, Brown layered numerous faces on the brightly colored, undulating background. Passersby of all ages provided ideas for the faces, many of them with happy expressions. His objective was to represent the fabric of the Tempe population, and all who are involved in contributing to Tempe's richness: elderly, young, parents, city workers, tourists, students, artists, professors, business owners, and so on. Brown states, "At the end of the day I hope people can just enjoy seeing different likenesses and be reminded we are all a small part."

Artist biography: Brown grew up in Phoenix and earned a Business degree from ASU in 2001. Shortly after entering the business world, he realized that art is a necessary part of his life and stopped everything else to pursue it. Through art, Brown finds balance in the process and satisfaction of completing works for the public. He hopes that his art provides space to let curiosity arise, whether from his mural work or other public art projects found throughout the Phoenix Metro area, California, and Japan. Brown is currently a full-time artist working out of downtown Phoenix, travelling near and far to share his work.

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